

**REMARKS**

The amendments to the claims are discussed below as they relate to the rejections in the Office Action of February 18, 2004.

**35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph rejection (all claims)**

Claims 1-9 and 11-21 have been amended to replace canine with "non-human." As stated in the February 18, 2004 Office Action, such an amendment "would be remedial for the claims."

**35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph rejection (claim 2)**

Claim 2 has been amended to limit the claim scope to NGF.

**35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph rejection (claims 6-7, 13-14 and 18-19)**

These claims have been amended to refer to therapies rather than techniques.

Allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-21 is solicited.

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